

University of Georgia Biorefinery - Athens GA

Proposed Recipient: The University of Georgia

Address of Recipient: Office of the VP for Research, Athens, GA 30602

Request Amount: \$3.5 million

Explanation of Request

Purpose: To develop biomass processing; biochemical and thermochemical technologies; and train the future workforce that can satisfy the needs of a growing new industry.

Why is it a good use of Taxpayer funds: The U.S. has the opportunity to develop a biomass based energy economy that allows us to displace 30% of our current petroleum consumption. Georgia (and the Southeast) can and should play a key role in developing and implementing bioenergy, since doing so will create a large variety of new jobs, provide much-needed opportunities for our agricultural base, and take advantage of our natural resources.